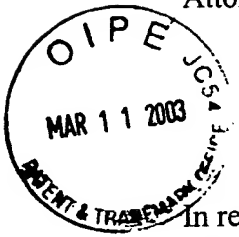


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PATENT



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Larry L. Kinn et al.
Appl. No.: 09/725,797
Filed: November 29, 2000
For: DURABLE HYDROPHILIC FIBERS AND
NONWOVEN FABRICS PRODUCED THEREFROM

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 20, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In The Claims:

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1. (Currently amended) A polyolefin nonwoven web having durable hydrophilic properties and formed of polyolefin fibers, said web comprising multicomponent fibers and a multiplicity of bond sites bonding said fibers, said multicomponent fibers including a first component formed by a hydrophobic polypropylene and a second component formed of a blend of a hydrophobic polyolefin and a hydrophilic melt additive, said second component being disposed at the surface of said fibers.

2. (Original) The web according to claim 1, wherein substantially the entire surface of said multicomponent fibers is formed from said second component.

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